

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION

CD ITA Contracts

2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

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Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$6,440,000)	(\$6,440,000)	(\$12,880,000)
Total	(\$6,440,000)	(\$6,440,000)	(\$12,880,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate Pioneer Center North (PCN) and Pioneer Center East's (PCE) contracts for adult involuntary residential treatment for client substance use disorder services and a building lease for Pioneer Center North. As the only involuntary treatment provider in the state, PCN and PCE specialize in treating 1,050 patients annually who are battling chronic addiction and have been unsuccessful in other treatment modalities. By implementing this reduction, BHSIA expects clients to experience more homelessness, increased incarceration in jails, increased medical costs, and emergency room visits.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

Currently, Pioneer Human Services provides a secure, long-term residential treatment program for chronic chemically dependent individuals who present a likelihood of serious harm to themselves or others, or are gravely disabled by alcohol or drug addiction.

This proposal will eliminate two involuntary treatment programs that serve approximately 1,050 people per year. The reduction will decrease the resources available in local communities, such as medical, educational, justice, and social services. Since this is a contracted program, no state FTEs are associated with this reduction.

By eliminating the only involuntary chemical dependency treatment providers in the state, this proposal would render the current involuntary commitment process in RCW 70.96A completely ineffective as there would be no place to send anyone for treatment. Courts would not be able to order anyone into treatment because they are prohibited from doing so unless an approved treatment program is available and able to provide adequate and appropriate treatment.

Statutory authority for this decision (without amending RCW 70.96A) could come from RCW 70.96A.915, which authorizes the department to allocate appropriated funds in the manner that it determines best meets the purposes of RCW 70.96A. It further states that no individual is entitled to any services authorized in RCW 70.96A. Nothing in RCW



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Eliminate Pioneer Center North and Pioneer Center East Involuntary
Treatment Act Contracts

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70.96A requires the department to reallocate funds in order to ensure that services are available to any eligible person upon demand.

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STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Families, emergency departments, chemical dependency providers, tribes, counties, law enforcement and criminal justice system, and mental health agencies will be impacted.



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